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## THINGS GIGANTIC IN WISE COUNTY

Immense Expenditures in the Toms Creek Mining Section.

**AN ENORMOUS OUTPUT OF COAL** 

The Mines Produce Eighty Thousand Tons of Soft Coal and Ovens Turn Out Thirty Thousand Tons a Month-Splendid Improvements.

The resources of Wise county have per-Almost fabulous sums of money ement, and the result of these ex penditures show in the many gigantic inrailroads and beautiful resibe seen almost over its entire

writer wishes to address him-These were coal operations, began rather small scale, but in 1899 they solidated under the name of Virwas capitalized at \$13,000,000. Henry me company's first president, and stime trains in this position. Work was begun to once, after this consolidation, for the inprovement of the plant, which would nable the company to carry on operations on a more extensive scale. The operations of the old companies, was entryed, and capacitated to meet the machinery of this plant is driven by the lectric force generated by this huge ower-house.

Disintegraters.

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Three "disintegraters" have been installed as parts of the plant. These may be be been installed as parts of the plant. These may be be been installed as parts of the plant. These are built of dressed stone, and in sections, called batteries, the outer walls being continuous, while partitions, built at right angles between the walls, form divisions, called ovens. In constructing the ovens, a circular opening is left at the top, through which the

Immense Output.

Six mines are operated on Tom's Creek by the company, while operations are being commenced on Little Tom's Creek. a nearby stream. The monthly output of soft coal from these six mines is about \$0,000 tons, 40,000 tons of which apout 80,000 tons, 40,000 tons of which is shipped over the lines of the Norfolk and Western Railroad to the Tidewater section, while the remainder is used for coking purposes. The coal deposits in this field seem to be practically inexhaustible. The company has 562 houses, erected

the accommodation of their em-es. These houses contain from three ployes. These houses contain from three to six rooms each, and renters pay two dollars per room, by the month, all rents being payable in labor.

A commodious church has been erected by the company, and a parsonage, supported at its expense, for the benefit of its employes.

The population of the corporate limits of the company's grounds is estimated at 5,000. The number of hands regularly employed is approximately 2,000. Com-

mployed is approximately 2,000. Common laborers are paid \$710 per day of ten hours; carpenters, \$2.50; masons, \$3.50. The average monthly pay-roll is about \$60,000. The value of the entire plant is placed at \$20,000,000.

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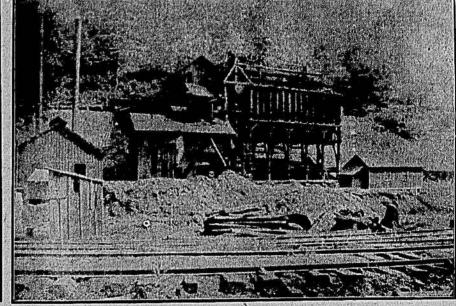
The headquarters of the company is at Bristol, where the general business of the various plants is transacted.

James Williams, the efficient superintendent, oversees the work department of the plant, while Isaac T. Mullen looks after the property and supply department.

## GOULD AND VANDERBILT

## BUSY SCENES IN THE TOM CREEK COAL REGION.





Land-Owners Awaking to Necessity of Abandoning Primitive Farming Implements.

AMERICAN MACHINERY ABROAD

Peasants Interested in Novelty Placed on Bordeaux Market. Wire Fencing.

Sugar Refining Machinery.

Wire Fencing. The cattle ranchmen in the eastern provinces of Bolivia are feeling the necessity of fending in their pastures, which are very extensive. What the require is something cheap but serviceable over the country and broken graund. is something cheap but serviceable over level country and broken ground. Per-haps the posts would be better made in that country, as there is abundance of fronwood and other timbers which will resist anything, as well as galvanized

Portable Engines for France.

The diminished shipment of United States agricultural machinery to the Bordeaux section of France is probably owing to the large stocks left over from 1995. Mr. Macdonald, England's consulthere, remarks that the higher price of British farming machinery is slowly but surely reducing, each season, the British percentage of the total of farming machinery coming to France. There are exceptions, however, in the case of certain classes of machines, particularly in that of British portable steam engines, which hold their own and are even increasing in favor. In the Department of the Landes hundreds of these portable engines are employed in the pine forcests for sawing, and the present high price of turpentine and pine wood makes this department an exceptionally rich field. British makers should, however, note that large semi-portable engines of from 80 to 300-horse power for producing electric current are new finding their way into Bordeaux from Germany.

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Checiai to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, July 21.—After negotiations between Gould officials and New Fork Central interests, which have lasted several months, agreements have been sintered into between the Wabash and Pittsburg and Lake Erie Raligoads for the joint use of their freight terminals and trackage on the south side of the Monongahela River at Pittsburg. The arrangement is somewhat similar to that axisting between the New Hayen and the New York Central to this city, and what is regarded as of still further importance, it marks the resumption of friendly relations between the Gould and Yanderbit railroad interests.

Tendency, Long Marked, Strikingly Illustrated in Increasing Value of Breadstuffs.

NOTABLE ADVANCES MADE

Extensive Water-Power Develop ment for Electrical Purposes. Timber Operations.

All districts..... \$101,107,417 \$177,360,476

more acceptable than that imported from abroad, and the chief ingredient grows almost wild to an attitude of 7,000 feet above sea level.

000,000 increase at other ports was at New York and Philadelphia. The increase in the value of all exports of domestic merchandles was from \$1,491,744,641 to \$1,717.859,398, or \$235,114.754. Toward the New York and Philadelphia. The in-crease in the value of all exports of do-mestic merchandise was from \$1,691,744.641 to \$1,178.59,395, or \$25,114,754, Toward the total increase, breadstuffs contributed \$76,243,059."

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Another big water-power development for electrical purposes in the South is involved in the announcement that plans have been completed for the development of 12.000 horse-power immediately and 25.000 horse-power ultimately at a point on the Yadkin River, eight miles from Rockingham. N. C., and that the construction of the necessary means will be carried forward as rapidly as possible. The developing dam, to be located on the Yadkin, will be 1.075 feet long and 45 feet high, built of concrete, and the first installation of machinery will be for the delivery of 12.000 horse-power, unless contracts shall have been made for the delivery of more than that before the dam is completed, it being estimated that a total of 28.000 horse-power can be obtained and distributed by electricity within a radius of 50 miles of the plant. Contracts for the construction of this dam for the electrical equipment and for the water wheels have bren awarded. The site of the enterprise is in a district where probably 700.000 are angaged in growing cotton or in manufacturing it, and within the 50-mile radius there are at least 50 cotton factories using about \$5.000 horse-power developed by steam, besides other industries.

Timber Operations.

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Illustrative of the scope of timber op-terations in the South is the announce-ment of the incorporation of a \$500,000 com-pany in Texas to develop 40,000 acres of hardwood timber land in two counties of that State, the operations contem-plating the erection of at least two mills at a cost of \$250,000, and the building of 20 miles of railway.

Commission Brokers Suspend.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MEMPHIS TENN., July 21.—Announcement was made yesterday that Arm MEMPHIS, TENN. July 21.—Announcement was made vestering that Armstrong & Company, commission brokers, had suspended operations, it is said that correspondents of the firm demanded margin on cotton futures which could not be covered. A member of the firm said to-day that the suspension is only temporary, Armstrong & Company have several brench houses in Mississippi and Arganess.

UNDEVELOPED COAL MINE.

## THE NORMALITES FALL | LUNENBURG TOBACCO ON PLEASING SCENES

Well Work and Pleasure.

delightful climate of this hustling little

of carnest and enthuniastic teachers, bent upon the ora object, that of equipping themselves better for the instruction and training of the youth of our grand old Commonwealth. No tired care-worn schoolmams here, but the bright and eager faces show one ambition, one common desire and determine the brightest era in Virginia's educational history.

Lest "all work and no play should make Jack a dull boy," a series of instructive and amusing entertainments, by the foremost lecturers and humorists, have been arranged. On Thursday night, July 19, Mr. W. Powell Hale, impersonator, will be heard at the theater. Mr. Hale some passed are respectively and proposed and the proposed at Tinkling, on the Tidewater Railroad, which is fast occurred.

by the foremost lecturers and humorists, have been arranged. On Thursday night, July 19, Mr. W. Powell Hale, impersonator, will be heard at the theater. Mr. Hale comes with the highest recommendations of such men as Governor Bob. Taylor.

Professor A. B. Coffee, of William and Mary College, will deliver his famous lecture on "Young America" to-night. All look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the visit of Superintendent of Public Instruction J. D. Eggleston, Jr., of Richmond.

Jr., of Richmond.

Thursday night, July 28th, State Examiner J. S. Thomas is expected to visit the Normal and deliver a lecture. Thus study, recreation and improvement go hand in hand.

Many who came to stay but two weeks have decided to remain the entire month; and new enrollments are being added each day.

Win Tennis Trophies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT, R. I., July 21.—The first two silver cups offered this season as lawn tennis trophies were went yesterday morning by Miss Maude Wetmore and Miss Margaret Busk, who triumphed in the final round of the women's doubles at the Casino. Their opponents were Miss Edan Barger and her nicce, Miss Jeanne Wallach and, although Miss Wetterore and Miss Busk allowed half 15, their victory was not a difficult one, the score being 6-4, 6-3.

Goes Into Liquidation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHICAGO, July 21.—It developed that, instead of reorganizing the Jackson Trust and Sayings Bank into the Railway Exchange Bank, the former has gone into liquidation, and the stockholders will be reimbursed in dividends payable out of the proceeds of the liquidation.

# GROWERS MEET

The Institute at Covington Mixes | Farmers Readily Pledge Their Entire Crops-School Enthusiasm.

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The enthusiasm of the people has been thoroughly aroused in the educational move, and will no doubt result in great improvement of each school in the way of better teachers, better pay, better buildings and better equipment for the work in every way.

Enormous Value of Qur Railways

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The 220,000 miles of main track of the railways of the United States represent property to the settent of \$16,000,000,600, or as much as the total value of all the property in the country in 1860, this year of Lincoln's election. Their income of over \$2,000,000,000 a year is very nearly four times the annual revenue of the United States government. The number of men on their rolls is 1,500,000, an army as great as the combined forces that Oyama and Linevitch had in Manchuria at the time of the peace of Portsmouth. The railroads are a vast interest, Anything which would hamper them in their legitimate activities would deal a hard blow to every important industry in the country.—Leslie's Weekly.

Leesburg Water Works

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEESBURG, VA., July 21.—Mr. W. G.
Mortis, or Phoebus, Va., contractor for
the installation of the Leesburg water
system, has begun work on the plant,
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contract price is about \$25,000, and the
system will be computed about December 1st.,

Rice Flake Mill May Soon Be Added to Richmond's Other

WEEK'S INTERESTING SALES

Much Building Going On Out in the Beautiful Suburbs

Business Property Sold.

firmed or not.

Another important transaction which may have some bearing on the industrial situation was a sale made by J. Thompson Brown & Co. of, 250 feet of land just east of the Albemarie Paper Mills, and lying between James River and the canal. The sale was made to the Trodegar Company for \$,000 cash. The property was owned by Mr. G. A. Ismunons, formely of this city, but now of Huntington, W. Ya, Messrs, Brown & 10. would not say for what purpose the new owners purchased the property, but lansmuch as it joins the property alrealy owned by the Tredegar Company, and lansmuch as it is known that the business of the company is increasing daily, the presumption is that they purpose to enlarge their plant to take care of unlarged business.

Entirely New Enterprise.

In this connection, however, The Times-Dispatch learns that a party has been here, Jaking arrangements for the immediate establishment in this city of a ries fake mill and that a site was eagerly sought for. It has been the intention of the company seeking to establish this mill to locate it in Ahanta, but Richmond's superb shipping facilities, making it the true gateway to the South, were brought to their attention, and careful investigation convinced them that this city is the place above all-others from which to reach the South with their products, and they decided to locate here if a site for the mills could be obtained. It may be that the rice flake mill may go up on the property above referred to. Foods made from rice and similar to the hundred and one breakfast foods made from wheat, corn, rye, etc., are what are known as 'rice flake.' The largest rice rice flake mill in the world is now located in New Orleans. The second largest may be located in Richmond.

Other Large Sales.

Mr. E. A. Catlin, real estate agent, re-

De located in Richmond.

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Mr. E. A. Catlin, real estate agent, reports business quite active for a so-called dull season. During the past week he sold to Mr. I. W. Bates the old Whit-lock cheeroot factory, a five-story building at the northeast corner of Twentiteling at the northeast corner of Twentiteling at the northeast corner of Twentiteling at Mr. Bates will proceed at once to remodel the building and make of it a horse and mule axchange, an immense sale stables for the auction and private sale of mules and horses. He purposes to deal extensively in horses and mules.

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# MANY INDUSTRIES THAT ARE UNIQUE

Manufacturing Concerns in Richmond That Started at Zero.

### HAVE GROWN TO BE INDUSTRIAL FACTORS

They Carry Richmond's Fame as an Industrial and Manufacturing Center to the Uttermost Parts of the Earth and Add to the General

Wealth.

Paper Chairs and Car Wheels.

waist makers, by upholsterers and makers of various other articles of daily use. Paper Chairs and Car Wheels. Paper cordage is also used extensively for wire insulation; cloak-makers use a great deal of it in one way and another in cording cloaks, and it figures extensively for wire insulation; cloak-makers use a great deal of it in one way and another in cording cloaks, and it figures extensively in millinery trimmings. Carpet and rug manufacturers are now making carpets and handsome rugs entirely of paper cordage, and the Wortendyke Company ships car-loads of cordage every week that is used solely in the manufacture of carpets and rugs.

To laymen who have had no occasion to keen up with the enlargement of tha paper business it will be news when they learn that chair bottoms and car seats are now being made of paper cords. Many of the so-called cane-bottom chairs on the market are paper-bottom chairs and thousands upon thousands of rolis of the paper cordage that goes into the bottoms of chairs and car seats are turned out from the Wortendyke Milis, on Thirteenth Street.

Such is the business of this unique establishment, and it is doing an immense business, for, as before stated, its products not only go into every State in the United States, but the company is branceing out and building up business in Canada, Cuba and England. Mr. Thomas F., Jeffress is the president of the company, and Mr. L. G. Chelf is the treasurer and general manager.

Laundry Bluing Factory.

It will probably be news to a great many Richmond people when told that there is a factory in this city which makes and sells and ships all over the South and West more builting for laundry uses than any like establishment in the United States. The Cobb Manufacturing Company, located on East Cary Street, is the establishment that does this thing. This conexen has had an existence in Richmond for at least twenty years, but it has been within the past ten years that it has reached out and built up such an enormous trade, and now if travels men all

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